Changes to Disability and Community Services (DCS)
- Disability Assessment and Advisory Team (DAAT)

This fact sheet is for Service Providers currently supporting DCS clients, who receive supports from DAAT or Coordination of Supports through DCS.

- The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing disability support and is rolling out nationally. NDIS is designed to increase choice and control for people with disability by transitioning from block-funded support to a self-directed funding model. The rollout to full scheme NDIS will see almost 10,600 Tasmanians enter the Scheme by June 2019.

- The Tasmanian Government’s commitment to full scheme NDIS means there will be changes to the way services and programs are delivered to support people living with a disability.

- To assist DHHS to understand the impact of the implications of the NDIS, Disability and Community Services (DCS) commissioned an independent review of specialist disability services provided by Disability and Community Services. KP Health conducted the review in mid-2016 with findings and recommendations released in November 2016.

- A key finding of the review is that the NDIS changes the role and focus of DHHS in relation to its specialist disability services and programs. The review findings recommend that most of the existing specialist disability services should cease to be provided by the Tasmanian Government once full scheme NDIS is implemented from July 2019. DCS functions that sat outside of the scope of the review were Tasmanian Autism Diagnostic Service, Community Services, State Implementation Team and the Senior Practitioner.

- The Disability Assessment and Advisory Team and the Disability Consultants, sit within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and have specialist skills and knowledge in the disability sector.

- The DAAT has provided assessment, behaviour support and therapeutic supports for people with disability who often have complex needs through a multi-disciplinary approach, incorporating training to those supporting the individual and Coordination of Supports.
DCS understands the importance of making sure service providers remain informed about the transition process and the overall progress of the rollout to full scheme in Tasmania. This is especially important for organisations to allow for future planning and to provide information and support to people with disability who access their services, their families and carers. As part of the transition to full scheme NDIS, there will be changes to the way services (therapeutic and coordination of support) are provided.

### Important Dates

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<td>31 March 2018*</td>
<td>DCS/DAAT no new NDIS referrals</td>
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<td>DCS/DAAT no longer working with NDIS participants</td>
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<td>2018-19</td>
<td>DCS/DAAT will continue to work with state funded clients until they become NDIS participants</td>
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<td>Cessation of direct service delivery by DCS/DAAT</td>
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*DCS/DAAT may, on a case by case basis, provide short term interventions/transitional supportsto NDIS participants during 2018-19

### Next Steps

NDIS participants who are currently receiving services through DCS/DAAT will require an NDIS plan review to ensure that their plan reflects their current needs.

Once a participant’s plan has been reviewed, the participant will need to choose the service provider they would like to engage to provide services within the Plan.

An NDIS Local Area Coordinator or, if applicable, a Support Coordinator may assist NDIS Participants to identify and engage with Providers.

If you require further information regarding the change in DCS services please contact your local DCS Area Office – South - 6166 1127, North - 6777 1060, North West - 6477 7609.